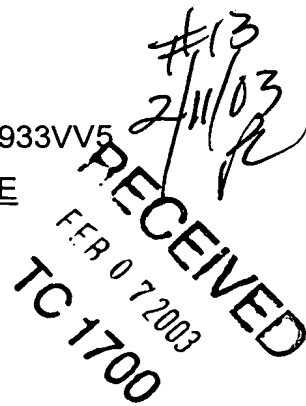




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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): AOTA, et al.
Serial No.: 09/828,837
Filed: April 10, 2001
For: EXTRUDED FRAME MEMBER FOR USE IN FRICTION
STIR WELDING
Group: 1772
Examiner: C. Simone

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 3, 2003

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the third month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed August 2, 2002. A Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$820.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto (The first months' extension was previously paid for concurrently with the filing of the Amendment filed December 2, 2002).

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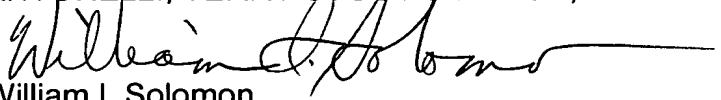
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It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 503.35933VV5).

Respectfully submitted,

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